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SUBJECT: CRACKDOWN ON CRIME

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1. CITY COUNCILMAN FROM WEST BELFAST FREDERICK PROCTOR SHOT THREE TIMES IN DOORWAY OF HOME IN ABORTIVE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT NIGHT FEB. 14. ALTHOUGH PROCTOR A DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST (PAISLEY) IT SUSPECTED HE LESS TARGET FOR SECTARIAN REASONS THAN BECAUSE HE CRITIC "CHICAGO STYLE GANSTERISM" ON SHANKILL ROAD (REFTEL B). RECENT BOMBING OF STORE VICTORIA STREET (REFTEL A) SUSPECTED OF BEING INCIDENT INVOLVING PROTESTANT PROTECTION RACKET. DURING CURRENT CEASEFIRE PERIOD BEGINNING FEB. 10 THERE HAVE BEEN NINE BOMBINGS IN PROVINCE. TWENTY SIX SERIOUS CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST PEOPLE RANGING FROM MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES. ONE HALF TON OF EXPLOSIVES AND NUMBER DETONATORS SEIZED AND ACCORDING GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THERE HAVE BEEN NINE INCIDENTS ORIGINATING IN REPUBLIC OF IRELAND INCLUDING EXPLOSIONS AND OPENING BLOCKED UNAPPROVED ROADS.

2. IT ASSUMED SOME IF NOT MOST OF INCIDENTS OTHER THAN THOSE

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ORIGINATING REPUBLIC WERE CAUSED BY BREAKAWAY LOYALIST GROUPS

OR INDIVIDUALS. ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) AND ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE HAVE DENIED RESPONSIBILITY BUT FRINGE GROUPS SUCH AS ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND YOUNG CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS UNDER SUSPICION. UDA HAS PUBLICLY HEALED INTERNAL SPLIT BY DISMISSING WOUNDED WEST BELFAST LEADER CHARLES HARDING SMITH AND IT HAS ALSO DISAVOWED GANGSTER ELEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO CONVICTED MURDERING ANNE OGILBIE.

3. STORMONT ACCOUNCEMENT FEB. 17 STATED MORE POLICE MANPOWER COULD NOW BE DEVOTED TO DEAL WITH CRIME IN COMMUNITY. ARMY WILL PARTICIPATE WITH ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY IN CAMPAIGN. SPICER

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